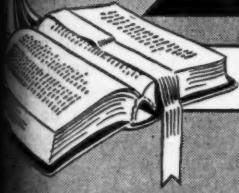
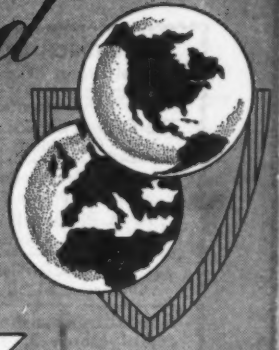


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Thy reigneth, he is clothed  
in majesty; the Lord is clothed  
in strength, wherewith he hath  
himself: the world also is  
stablished, that it cannot be  
moved.

Thine house is established of old:  
thou art from everlasting.

Thy floods have lifted up, O  
Lord; thy floods have lifted up  
the voice; the floods lift up  
their voice.

Thou art on high is mightier  
than the noise of many waters,  
than the mighty waves of  
the sea.

Thy testimonies are very sure:  
they becometh thine house,  
for ever.

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I am open for calls in evangelistic work. I have had twelve years of experience, also play music and sing. Anyone interested in an old-time Holy Ghost revival please contact me at Mt. Vernon, Texas, General Delivery, or write my state overseer, Rev. E. O. Kerce, Box 221, Weatherford, Texas.—R. R. Secrest.

**Special Notice to State Overseers and Pastors of Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas**

I expect to be in the East soon. I have had a number of calls for meetings from these states in the past but could not answer them. If my services are wanted now, I feel that the Lord would have me come.—C. E. Banks, in care of C. C. Banks, 3916 Antoine Road, Kansas City, Kansas.

I am in evangelistic work, and if you would like me for a revival, my address is 2418 King Street, Route 3, Mobile, Alabama. If you prefer, I can bring the McPherson Trio.—M. N. McPherson.

I have a Greyhound bus, upholstered in leather, with head rests, etc., seating capacity of twenty. I have used this bus for my

Sunday School to a great advantage but now I need to sell it. It is in good condition and I will sell it at a bargain.—L. P. Shaw, Box 284, Valdosta, Georgia.

The Post Office Department has changed my address from R. R. 20, Box 440, Indianapolis, Ind., to R. R. 19, Box 207, Indianapolis, Ind.—Rev. C. C. Rains.

**Lost, Strayed or Stolen in Columbus, Ohio**

Anyone reading this who has a friend or relative in Columbus, Ohio, if you will send me their name and address, I will personally call on them and try to get them to come to the Church of God. Address your letter or card to Rev. D. G. Phillips, 738 W. Rich Street, Columbus, Ohio.

**OBITUARIES**

**HUGHES**

Rev. Burtis Hughes, Jr., went to be with Jesus, on Dec. 21, 1948, after a lingering illness of about four years. He was a faithful minister in the Church of God for approximately ten years, having served as pastor, evangelist, and youth director. He was inactive only about eight months, and then he preached two sermons only a short time before his passing; one at Lawrenceville, and the other at Bridgeport, Ill. He left a testimony

that all was well with his soul. Twice during the night before he passed away, he called us all around and told us good-bye, asking us to meet him in heaven. In his dying hour his main interest was souls, as he pleaded with his unsaved relatives present to get right with God. Having told us good-bye and urged us to meet him in heaven, he began to sing "When We All Get to Heaven." At the close of the song, he looked around at all of us present and said, "When we all get to heaven."

I am sure those present will never forget the death he died, the testimony he gave, and words of exhortation he left. His loved ones and many friends mourn his passing, but our loss is heaven's gain. "To be absent from the body is to be present 'at home' with the Lord." "Precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his saints."—His Pastor, Harry W. Henderson.

**LEMASTER**

Our darling baby, Oneita Joann Lemaster, departed this life January 4, 1949, at age of three years. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Lemaster. She is greatly missed both some day we hope to meet her in heaven where we will never have to part. We thank everyone who was good to us in our sorrow.—Her sister, Mary Wanda Lemaster, Mount Park, Oklahoma.

**REQUESTS FOR PRAYER**

**PRAY FOR:**

My father and mother, who are sick.—Reece Wilson, Galax, Va.

My sister who is in the hospital; my daughter and son-in-law to be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost; my husband, who is a backslider; me.—Mrs. Lee Davis, Seth, W. Va.

The healing of my body.—J. C. Pinlon, Empire, Ala.

The healing of my body; my son.—Etta Ralston, Lexington, Ky.

My husband and three unsaved children; my son to be healed of ulcerated stomach; me.—Mrs. George Brown, Paw Paw, W. Va.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. Roy Lee Whitaker, Vidalia, Ga.

God to save two of my sons.—A Reader, Maryville, Tenn.

Me and my home.—Mrs. Ada Strickland, West End, N. C.

God to heal me of a cold; a sister to be healed and receive the Holy Ghost; my boy and husband to be saved.—Mrs. Linda Brown, Knoxville, Tenn.

Me and my husband to be saved; my body.—A Sinner, El Paso, Texas.

God to save my husband and children; the healing of my body.—Mrs. Verna M. Register, Morven, Ga.

Sister Gertrude Patrick to be healed.—Ida Johnson, Lebanon, Ohio.

My daughter who fell and broke a leg and is in the hospital.—Y. W. Kidd.

Me to be healed of stomach trouble.—Mrs.

Dave Garlin, Adairsville, Ga.

God to heal me of sinus trouble; my sons, husband, brother, and sisters to be saved.—Mrs. Odo White, Dunlow, W. Va.

The healing of my body; my children to be saved; my son-in-law to get back to the Lord.—A Sister.

God to heal Brother Tilley and give him strength.—R. C. Avery, Greensboro, N. C.

My husband and children to be saved; the healing of my body; a brother to be saved and healed.—Mrs. John T. Hall, Premium, Ky.

The healing of my body.—A Sister, Lexington, Ky.

My daughter to be healed; my grandson to be healed of nervousness; the healing of my eyes.—Mrs. Florence McGowan, Jonesboro, Ark.

The healing of my stomach; my children to be saved.—Sister Young.

My daughter who is very sick; our church.—Elsie M. Davis, Wolf Mountain, N. C.

My son; a neighbor.—Mrs. Claude Brookman, Pulaski, Va.

My body.—Mrs. E. B. Carter, Shelby, Ala.

The healing of my body.—William Cannon, Green Spring, W. Va.

God to heal me of a varicose ulcer on my foot.—Mrs. Lydia Burr, Webbers Falls, Okla.

My daughter to be healed.—Mary Lemaster, Mount Park, Okla.

A lady to be healed; her family to be saved; our pastor to be healed; me to be healed; my loved ones to be saved.—Mary Towne, Newaygo, Mich.

# EDITORIALS...

## THE PATH OF LOVE

For thirty-six months there has been no cheaper, easier, or surer way of entering the United States than just following the path of love and marriage. If an American G. I. married a foreigner, the United States not only admitted her, but paid her passage as well. The wives of ex-G.I.'s were also welcome. So were their fiancées—although, according to law, unmarried girls were hustled right back home if they didn't get their men to the altar in ninety days.

It was a scheme that cast a fine pink glow over the grim, grey postwar world. Foreign women who were genuinely in love with United States soldiers were assured a wonderful wedding gift, foreign adventuresses were so inspired that whole battalions of G.I.'s came to rank themselves with Casanova and Don Juan. In all, by December, an estimated 112,000 brides, husbands, and children had come from overseas to share the good life in Boston, Paducah, and Walla Walla, Wash.—Time.

And—who could blame the girls?—Not I.

## PRAYER CONFERENCES AT CAMBRIDGE, MD., AND WASHINGTON, D. C.

On January 17, the General Overseer, National Youth Director, Business Manager, President of Lee College and son Junior, and I started on our way to Cambridge, Maryland, to be with Rev. O. C. Crank, state overseer, in his Maryland prayer conference the day and night of the 18th. From the morning service through the night service the ministers were there from the territory, as well as numbers of laymen, which was indicative of the interest and importance they attached to the meeting. It was a thing of interest to me to see the spirit of unity and fellowship that existed between the state overseer, his fine corps of ministers and the laity. The conference was conducted strictly in keeping with its title—prayer conference. Of course, sermons, testimonies, and songs are always auxiliary factors in a prayer conference, but a prayer conference is no place for business. The messages by Rev. A. M. Phillips and General Overseer H. L. Chesser were very appropriate, instructive, and inspirational. Brief talks were given intermittently, also, by the National Youth Director, the President of Lee College, and yours truly.

You know what happened on January 20, and it was the group's privilege to attend the inauguration of the President of the United States. It was a very impressive ceremony, and it, as well as the parade, impressed me especially with the thought of God's manifold blessings upon our lives and how greatly the United States of America is obligated to Him for His providential watch care of us as a nation.

The morning of the 21st, although cold and rainy, found us assembled in the Washington, D. C., church to receive the welcome of the host pastor, Rev. J. Carl Hughes, who is doing a splendid work in our nation's capital. The state overseer soon had the conference under way, and we were hearing soul-stirring testimonies from ministers and laymen alike, who had braved the weather from Delaware, Maryland, and throughout Washington, D. C., to attend the conference. The three services proved to be of equal

importance and benediction to that of Cambridge. The very best of cordiality and kindness was extended to our group and each one had his turn speaking. The National Youth Director gave a very impressive outline of the plans and purposes of the youth work in his afternoon message. The General Overseer gave a preliminary message in the evening service, and the last message was given by your Editor-in-Chief.

Our sincere thanks go to the following homes that served as hosts to us:

Rev. and Mrs. D. DeFino, host pastor at Cambridge, Maryland.

Rev. and Mrs. O. C. Crank, Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Brinsfield, Washington, D. C.

Rev. and Mrs. J. Carl Hughes, host pastor at Washington, D. C.

We shall long remember these prayer conferences, and may God's richest blessings be upon the state overseer and ministers throughout this territory as they labor for Him.

## I AM YOUR FAMILY PEW

I am your family pew:

I came across the ocean with your forefathers.

I have followed the march of peoples wherever they have gone.

I was hewed out of the trees of the forest.

I was warmed by the presence of those who would worship the living God.

I am more than a board—I am an institution.

I have extended my comfort to saint and sinner; I have felt the heart throbs of those who sought the presence of God.

I have had a place in rude hut or log church; I have been made beautiful in the majesty of the sanctuary.

I have seen the bloodstains of those who fought for liberty.

I have made my contribution to the welfare of those who stood for truth and righteousness.

I have been taken to the depths of the cave and into the bomb cellar.

I cannot be destroyed as long as men worship—I am eternal.

I am a connecting link between the home and the world around; I am the first line of defense.

I bring comfort to the lonely.

Often I have been deserted by men who sought softer seats; men turn from me at their own peril; if they forget me they may lose their own souls.

I bear my mute testimony when the pastor exhorts.

I am your Family Pew:

I can be useful only as I am occupied.

## CRIME AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

Says J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the F. B. I. "If we are to get down to the fundamentals in approaching the problem of crime, it is necessary to begin to build the spiritual structure of the child in the cradle. Our Sunday Schools are not sending forth children who easily succumb to the life-wrecking temptations; instead, the boys and girls who have gone to Sunday School find themselves well prepared for the entire span of life."



## REPORT FROM THOMASVILLE, ALABAMA, DISTRICT

Linden is finishing its church and has bought a piano. Brother Agee is working like a young man, doing things for God.

Half Acre has a new pastor, Brother William Baker, and has changed the name to God's Acre. The church there has recently been ceiled.

Brother Kitchen is pastor at Pine Hill and he, with his good members and friends, is in a drive to furnish the parsonage. Brother Maness and his folks are cooperating in every way.

Oak Grove has for its pastor Brother D. McIntyre, a man after God's own heart. He is found at his post of duty holding his own.

At Sweetwater, Brother Crabtree and the members have put a floor in the church. They were on dirt floor the first time I visited them.

When God created the earth He said, "Let there be light." Brother Padgett and the people at Nicholasville wired the church and parsonage so the power company could help them say, "Let there be light," and there is.

At Thomasville the good people have not only said in words but have proven in deed their appreciation for their pastor and his wife and family by personal gifts at Christmas. Also, we have bought a new piano for the church.

Each church on the district is making great gains and increasing in every department. Thomasville dis-



Rev. and Mrs. R. J. Dunn

trict was the first to go over the top with \$1.00 per member for Lee College, of which we are proud. We appreciate the cooperation and fellowship, and wish to say: Thanks to the ministers. Thanks to the laity. Thanks to the friends.

We organized a new church at Un-

lontown, with Brother Parten as pastor. By the time for the district convention the last of this month, he and the good folk plan to have their new concrete-block church finished, equipped with Sunday School rooms and baptistery.—Rolen J. Dunn, District Pastor.

## Some Things to Think About

John Wesley traveled 250,000 miles on horseback, averaging twenty miles a day for forty years. He preached 40,000 sermons; produced hundreds of books; knew ten languages. At eighty-three he was concerned that he could not write more than fifteen hours a day without hurting his eyes, and at eighty-three he was ashamed he could not preach more than twice a day, and noted in his journal that there was an increasing tendency to lie in bed until 5:30 in the morning.

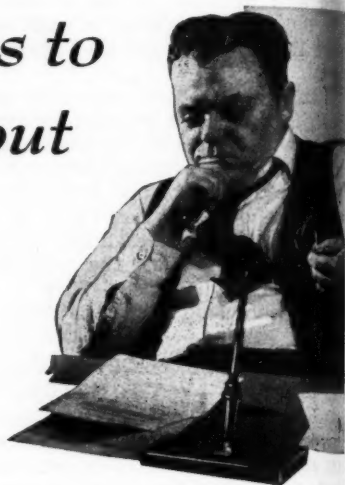
"Must we be carried to the skies, on flowery beds of ease, while others fought to win the prize and sailed through bloody seas?"

Theodore Roosevelt, at sixteen, called on his pastor, the Rev. James M. Ludlow, and said: "Doctor, I am thoroughly convinced that the doctrines as taught in my home and in your church are true. One thing I am especially sure of, namely, that a man who has this faith, ought to say so. May I come to Communion and say so?"

### Why not Federal Aid to Education?

Senator Hill (Dem., Ala.) said he is "reasonably sure" a bill for Federal aid to education will be passed by this congress.

Under the bill \$300,000,000 in Federal funds would be distributed to the state to help pay public school expenses. We are opening channels between our treasuries and needy countries throughout the world, about which, in many instances, I see no room for complaint. But, since illiteracy is so prevalent in some of the states, I feel that it is only fair that state, county, and city efforts be auxiliated by Federal funds. A point



further in favor of this philosophy is since the Government depends so much on our youth in times of war, why not invest in them a little more before the strain and stress of war, days? Anyway, is there anything wrong in Uncle Sam playing "Santa" to his own boys and girls?

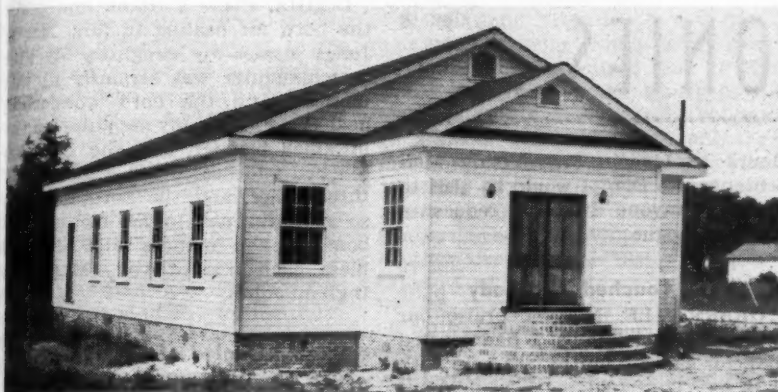
### Pyre of Comic Books

In Spencer, West Virginia, six hundred Spencer grade-school children burned two thousand comic books. They had been rounding them up for weeks. David Mace, thirteen, led the proceedings. "We are met here today," he said, "to take a step we believe will benefit ourselves, our community, and our country. Believing that comic books are mentally, physically, and morally injurious to boys and girls, we propose to burn ours and pledge to try not to read any more. Do you fellow students, believe that comic books have caused the downfall of many youthful readers?"

In unison: "We do."

Mrs. Elizabeth Cordray, principal of the school, said the students would ask the city council to ban the books from Spencer newsstands. The campaign was initiated by the Parent-Teacher Association.—From *The Voice*, Ohio State Paper.

## CHURCH OF GOD, WALTERBORO, S. C.



The city fought the church here for several years. I was assigned to take the work in April, 1947. On August 3, we secured the permit to build the church. We have a building 32x50 feet. We have eighty-one members, a radio broadcast each Sunday, and the church is now self-supporting. We have a good Sunday School, Y.P.E., and L.W.W.B. As much as the city fought the church, now they are for it. They say they appreciate the Church of God and the work it is doing. Pray for us here.—L. J. Stone, Pastor, Walterboro, S. C.

## TEN HIGH MEMBERS TAKEN IN

Williston	17
Gibsonville	8
Fort Meade	8
Dowling Park	5
Live Oak	5
Saint Petersburg	5
Cross City	4
High Springs	4
Newberry	4
Lakeland	3
Orlando	3
Plant City	3

## TEN HIGHEST IN AMOUNT TITHES PAID

Lakeland	\$1,104.20
Tampa	927.34
Jacksonville	805.71
Winter Haven	778.77
Sulphur Springs	767.05
Plant City	756.76
Lake City	629.08
Orlando	627.13
Lake Wales	502.43
Riviera Beach	465.76

## GRAND OPENING of the

West Coast Bible School, Pasadena, California, February 16, 1949

*"Behold, . . . they (the fields) are white already to harvest." " . . . but the labourers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers . . ."*

Answering the cry of the Christian workers of the Church of God and of others of the Pacific Coast who have felt keenly the need of training for service in the vineyard of the Lord, the officials and leaders of the Church of God have arranged a school to meet this emergency.

The West Coast Bible School is designed to better equip young ministers and Christian workers both in rightly dividing the Word and in leadership. Another outstanding feature of the school is the musical training offered in piano and theory.

For further information, write to Rev. J. H. Hughes, 1680 Brigden Road, Pasadena 7, California, or call Sycamore 7-5217.—The Golden State News, J. H. Hughes, State Overseer.

## THE CHURCH OF GOD IN FLORIDA—THE LAND OF FLOWERS

### TEN HIGH IN PASTORAL VISITS

M. E. Law	91
W. B. Sumner	85
D. L. Lemons	82
L. R. Alderman	72
G. P. Pipkin	72
J. Frank Spivey	67
W. C. Byrd	65
C. M. Harris	60
L. E. Musslewhite	60
B. E. Newell	60

L. R. Johnson	3
J. C. Thompson	3

### TEN HIGHEST RECEIVED HOLY GHOST

J. L. Stephens	17
R. P. Culpepper	13
C. P. Jackson	9
J. M. Bradley	4
A. J. Hersey	4
F. K. Key	4
A. R. Heaston	3
Hollis Braswell	2
W. W. Dykes	2
Carl E. Goodwin	2
L. R. Johnson	2
M. E. Law	2
F. J. Thibodeau	2
Ena Williams	2

### TEN HIGHEST IN SERMONS PREACHED

J. L. Stephens	45
L. M. Ellis	26
J. A. Faircloth	23
A. R. Heaston	22
F. K. Key	17
L. R. Johnson	16
L. E. Musslewhite	16
W. F. Taylor	16
W. W. Dykes	15
B. E. Newell	15

### TEN HIGHEST BAPTIZED IN WATER

Carl Bryan	10
C. A. Drymon	9
C. P. Jackson	8
S. P. Chessier	6
R. C. Miller	5
W. F. Brannon	3
J. D. Channell	3
J. J. Dees	3
V. G. Helms	3
G. D. Prince	3

### TEN HIGH CONVERTED

J. L. Stephens	24
R. P. Culpepper	17
C. P. Jackson	16
D. L. Lemons	11
Walter Pettitt	11
C. M. Harris	10
J. A. Faircloth	7
F. K. Key	7
J. M. Bradley	5
Hollis Braswell	4
A. J. Hersey	4
B. R. Wilkins	4

### TEN HIGH SANCTIFIED

J. L. Stephens	22
R. P. Culpepper	15
C. M. Harris	12
C. P. Jackson	11
F. K. Key	5
A. J. Hersey	4
J. M. Bradley	3
Hollis Braswell	3

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# ... TESTIMONIES ...

## Saved, Healed and Delivered From Death

BOYKIN, S. C.—I am sending you a testimony of my healing and deliverance from death in the electric chair.

Rev. Herman C. Clarke, evangelist, and thirty-four Church of God members, of Woodruff, S. C., held a service with me in jail at Edgefield, S. C. in May, 1943. Jesus had already saved and sanctified me but we had a good time singing and praising God. I was praying for Jesus to heal my sinus trouble, and the church folks prayed with me. A short time later, Jesus completely healed me. Five years have passed by but there is no sign of sinus trouble. It is wonderful what Jesus can do. Hallelujah! Praise His name!

I was sentenced to die in the electric chair, but I requested the Church of God people and others to ask God to spare my life. Money did not do any good; all the courts turned me down for a new trial; even the Supreme Court ruled I must die. (The church prayed for Peter and God delivered him at midnight.)

In John 15:7, Jesus tells us what to do and He will answer. I prayed continually down upon my knees, kneeling on top of the Holy Bible, for twenty-one hours, talking to God, telling Him what He had done for Abraham, Moses, the children of Israel, Joshua, Jonah, Elijah, David, Shadrach, Meshak, Abednego, Daniel, Peter, Paul, and Silas. Right there, God called me to preach and then sent the governor of South Carolina and pardon board to the death house and turned me out of that torture at midnight, like He did Peter, just seven hours before my schedule to die! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! God heals and God delivers. He is a living God. (Some Church of God members were there with the governor.)

That was in 1944, and today I am preaching the Word of God in prison. God is going to deliver me from prison soon to go out to preach Jesus Christ in the Pentecostal way. Pray now for my deliverance.

I have some tracts with my photo: "Electric Chair to Pulpit," "Seven

Hours to Live," "Five Young Men Sentenced to Die," I would be glad to send to anyone free on request.—J. Frank Logue.

## He Touched My Body

GREENVILLE, Miss.—I praise our dear Lord and Healer. I had trusted man for eleven months, for help with milk leg. They told me I would have to take a shot every day. I became so worried and was never free of pain. I had five small children to wait on all the time. I told my husband if I would just put my whole faith in the Lord I knew He would heal me because He had before. We went to service that night. The Lord came down so wonderfully in the prayer. It seemed like someone sprinkling me all over with cool water. Oh! I knew He had touched my body that night. I want to do His will and work more faithfully than I ever have and give all my tithes to Him. We had one of the best revivals I have ever heard of yet—more young people than we have ever had in our church. Pray for me and my family that we will ever stay in the center of the Lord's will.—Sister Quinn.

## He Put His Hand on Me

MULLINS, S. C.—I praise and thank the Lord for His goodness to me. He has been so good to me that I would like for others to know of His healing power through our church paper, the *Evangel*. I had been sick for about two years, hardly able to do my housework, but praise the Lord, He has put His healing hand on me, and I am now wonderfully healed. Praise His name!—Mrs. M. C. Hayes.

## God Touches Nervous Body

ELKINS, W. Va.—I give God all the glory for many past healings. I thank and praise God for a wonderful touch of healing for my body. Some time ago I requested prayer through the *Evangel* for my healing, and the Lord has heard and touched a severe nervous disorder I have had for years. Thanks be to God, my nerves are much better also.—Laura Hathaway.

## The Lord Has Been Merciful

LITHIA, Fla.—I thank and praise the Lord for healing in Mrs. Marvin Jones' home—my daughter. My little granddaughter was seriously ill with measles, and the Lord wonderfully healed her. Then, my daughter had an inflamed bladder, and the Lord has touched and healed her. I have fallen three times, and the Lord has been so merciful not to let me get any bones broken in these falls. May God bless each one of you.—Mrs. Julia Ingham Jones.

## Healed of Goitre

NORTH TAZEVELL, Va.—I praise God for healing power and what He means to me. I praise Him for healing me. I promised the Lord when He healed me I would testify through the *Evangel*. Sister Della Patrick prayed for me, and God wonderfully healed me of a goitre on my neck. I like to read the *Evangel*. I praise Him for salvation and thank the Lord for His Word. Praise His name!—Miss Rose White.

## A Present Help in Time of Need

I praise my Saviour. Surely He is a very present help in the time of need if we wait upon Him. The doctor said my sister needed an operation. She was reared in a Catholic family and married a Catholic, but knew the worth of the prayers of God's faithful children. She asked for prayer, and the dear Lord heard and answered. She needs no operation. Remember her and her family that the Lord will gather them into His fold and out of idolatry.—Sister Demelle.

## Desires to Pray for the Sick

To all sick and suffering: Since God saved, sanctified, and baptized us with the Holy Ghost in 1929, we have felt the call to pray for the sick. God has healed many we have prayed for since that time. Recently we have felt a very urgent call to let people know how we feel. In Acts 19:12, we read where handkerchiefs and aprons were brought from the body of Paul to the sick, and the diseases departed. We believe it is as possible today as then. If anyone desires our prayer, just write and make your requests known. If you desire cloths (aprons or handkerchiefs) please send self-addressed and stamped envelopes.—Ira J. Hand, Rt. 2, Statesboro, Ga.



### Father and Son Saved

MARIETTA, Ohio—I truly thank God for answering prayer. A few months ago I sent a request to the *Evangel* for my precious boy and also for my dad, who were both in sin. I am praising God, for He has heard and answered the cries of His people. They are both saved and living for God, but say they are hungry for a deeper experience with God. I am asking all who read this to please pray that God will take them to deeper depths in His great love. Pray for God to save my husband and for me to receive the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. Okey Burge.

### "Evangel" Doing a Real Job

EXCELLO, Ohio—The *Evangel* has been so much help to me I would not want to be without it. My body was healed by the help of your paper. I feel so well now until I do not feel like the same person. Your paper is doing a real job. It has good news for everybody who will read it. It does the much good to read about others getting blessed by the Lord.—Earl Dishmon.

### "All Things Work Together for Good"

DODDSVILLE, Miss.—I thank all who prayed for me a short while ago. I requested prayer for God to heal me and, thank the Lord, I am getting better every day. Praise God! He promised us He would go all the way with us. Thank God, His Word stands even when everything else has failed. We have many trials here in this world, but we can thank God and shout for joy when we overcome. The Scripture said, "Count it all joy when we fall into divers temptations," but when we are on the bed of afflictions we can not see joy, but we can look up and call on the Lord, and remember the Word, "All things work together for good to them that love God." His loving kindness and tender mercy endureth forever.—Mrs. Marsie Sullivan.

### Cancer on Face Healed

LIVE OAK, Fla.—I praise my blessed Saviour for His healing power. He has healed a cancer on my face. Bless His dear name! I thank all the brothers and sisters who prayed for the healing of my face, and above all, I thank my blessed Lord for healing me.—Mrs. Effir Pearson.

### Gloriously Healed; Church Improving

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—A few days ago I was suffering from a severe case of tonsillitis. I promised God if He would heal me I would testify of it through the *Evangel*. I called our good pastor, Rev. Bill Brown, and the members of the church to pray for me. They prayed and God heard and answered, praise His name! I was gloriously healed. While in prayer, Brother Brown said, "Sister Clark, I believe God has heard us." And truly He had. God is doing great things for us in Nashville. Our Sunday School has jumped from about 85 to 150 in two months time. We have the basement, consisting of about eleven Sunday School rooms, almost ready to move into. Pray for us.—Mrs. B. H. Clark, Nashville, Tenn.

### Jesus, Jesus, How I Trust Him

BALT, W. Va.—I praise the Lord through the *Evangel* for His healing power. I have been saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost, also my husband and one daughter have. I have been trusting the Lord for the healing of my body for about four months.

On October 10, 1948, I was really put to the test for healing. I did not have any doctor, but I had plenty symptoms of pneumonia. My husband went to Sunday School and called for special prayer. Our pastor, Brother D. H. Eastridge, and the members prayed. About the time they went to prayer, I felt the healing virtue come down over my body. I began to run and praise the Lord and speak in other tongues. I cooked dinner that day and went to church that night. Two days later, I had a terrible pain of neuritis in my head. I began to read the *Evangel*, and the first thing I knew I was shouting and the pain had left. Glory to Jesus! Pray for me, everyone who reads this, to keep my faith in Jesus.—Ruby Wyatt.

### The Greatest Thing I Ever Had

I am praising God for His great love toward His people and for how He answers prayer. When we are sick and let down, Christ is a friend who will not forsake us. Many times when there have been pains in our body, we have prayed in Jesus' name and they left. Many other things Christ has done for me. He filled me with the Holy Ghost when I was fifteen years

old. I am only sixteen now. In the few years I have served God, I know He is the greatest friend I ever had. I praise God for the good revivals He has sent our way. Baptist people have prayed through to the Holy Ghost and joined the great Church of God. Praise God for everything He means to me! Praise the Lord!—Clifford Thurman.

### God Still Heals Those Who Trust Him

ELIZABETHTON, Tenn.—Greetings in the sweet name of Jesus! It is with a thankful heart to God that I write this tonight. I promised the Lord if He would heal my baby's head, I would testify of it through the *Evangel* for the glory of God. He suffered terribly, would go into fits. His ear began to drain and it drained for about three weeks; his throat was swollen. I had him anointed and prayed for and we kept holding on to God's unchanging hand. I thank Him for His wonderful healing power. Just pray for us that we will ever be faithful doing what Jesus would have us to do. I believe He is soon coming for those who are looking for Him. I do want to be in that number when the Lord comes for His own.—Mrs. Gladys Treat.

### God Rewards Perseverance

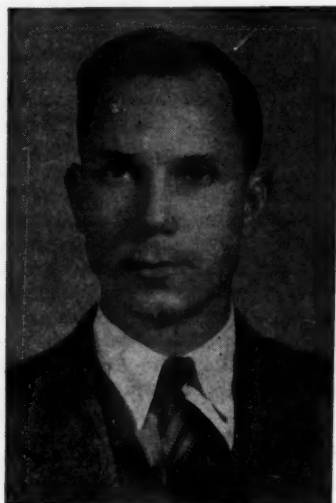
TYLER, Mo.—I thank God for His healing power. I promised Him I would witness to His healing if He would heal my body. My throat had been afflicted badly for nearly two years. I stayed hoarse all the time, and got to the place I could hardly preach, sing, or pray above a whisper. I cried out to God many times before He saw fit to heal. Other afflictions came upon me. My nerves went down. Sometimes I would think my time had come to lay down my cross and go home, but I shed many a tear and cried out to God. The saints also stayed before God for my healing. I never stayed out of church one single time. I never would give in to my feelings. I thank God that one night at church someone prayed the prayer of faith. I have not had a weak spell since and I am gaining faster than anyone that I have ever seen. I am able to work at home, in the field, and in the church. Praise God! I never took one drop of medicine and I thank God for it.—Dollie Pollard.

# The Personality of the Holy Ghost

By Rev. Clyde C. Cox

**TEXT:** "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever," John 14:16.

**INTRODUCTION:** Christ is referred to in the Scriptures as "the express image of his person," Heb. 1:13. Webster gives the definition of the



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word "PERSON" to mean oneself, one of the three components of the triune Godhead. The Holy Ghost is always referred to as the last personality, or as He or Him. God stands out first, Christ second, and the Holy Ghost third, in the Scripture the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost, Matt. 28:19. The Holy Ghost is the third member of the Godhead bodily and the sovereignty of the third Godhead dispensational reign. The Godhead family worked in unison in the creation of world and man. "Let us" was the key words of triune unity. God, in the first Godhead dispensational reign, spoke directly and through the prophets; in the second reign He spoke to us by His Son. Heb. 1:1, 2. In the third reign God speaks by the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost speaks not of Himself, "but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak," John 16: 13. God sent His Son

into the world, John 3:16. God sent the Holy Ghost into the world, John 14:17, 26. Christ came to do the work of Him that sent Him. The Holy Ghost came to take up where Christ returned to the Father, and finish the work begun on Calvary.

## THE THIRD PERSONALITY

Of the Godhead bodily. Christ was not the only personality that had an earthly body. The Holy Ghost has our earthly body as His dwelling upon earth. Our body is the temple or body of the Holy Ghost. 1 Cor. 6:19. He lives with our spirit in the human body, that is, if "the Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God," Rom. 8:16. This writing is not based upon the Trinity but rather the personality and activities of the Holy Ghost. However, the Holy Ghost is a member of the Trinity. "For there are THREE that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word (Jesus, John 1:14) and the Holy Ghost," 1 John 5:7. In John 14: 26 the THREE are very clearly noted, "But the Comforter, which is the HOLY GHOST, whom the FATHER will send in MY NAME (Jesus), he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."

At the baptism of Jesus, the Trinity was present and very distinct. "Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that JESUS also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened, and the HOLY GHOST descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a VOICE came from heaven, which said, Thou art MY BELOVED SON; in thee I am well pleased," Luke 3:21, 22. As Jesus was coming out of the water, the Holy Ghost, in a bodily shape like unto a dove, and the Father speaking from heaven were present. The Holy Ghost is honored in water baptismal name-sake: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the HOLY GHOST," Matt. 28:19. Paul renders to the Holy Ghost recognition as a member of the Godhead bodily: "The grace of the LORD JESUS CHRIST, and the love of GOD, and

the communion of the HOLY GHOST, be with you all," 2 Cor. 13:14. The three are again pictured in the life of Stephen: "But he, being FULL OF THE HOLY GHOST, looked up steadfastly into heaven, and saw the GLORY OF GOD, and JESUS standing on the RIGHT HAND OF GOD," Acts 7:55. The Holy Ghost was in Stephen and Jesus was standing on the right hand of God. As a member of the Godhead family, the Holy Ghost, also, is connected with

## THE TWO BAPTISMS

That are outstanding in the Scripture—the baptism of John the Baptist, the baptism in water by immersion, and the baptism of the Holy Ghost, the infilling of the Spirit. John was commissioned of the Lord to baptize with water unto repentance, but he was not permitted to render the baptism of the Holy Ghost; however, he pointed to the Man who would give that spiritual baptism. "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire," Matt. 3:11. Here the two baptisms are set forth: IN WATER and with the HOLY GHOST. Water baptism affects the outward man; the Holy Ghost baptism is an inward filling which affects both the outward and inward man. One is in obedience to the Lord in following His example and commandment; the other is also given to those who obey God. Acts 5:32. John was never given authority to baptize with the Holy Ghost, but his baptism was strictly confined to that of water. "And I knew him not: but he that sent me to BAPTIZE WITH WATER, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which BAPTIZETH WITH THE HOLY GHOST," John 1:33. The two baptisms are herein stated, and Jesus plainly sets forth them in His own words, "For John truly BAPTIZED WITH WATER; but you shall be BAPTIZED WITH THE HOLY GHOST now



many days hence," Acts 1:5. That baptism came when the day of Pentecost was fully come. It came as a sound and a mighty rushing wind from heaven. The few days hence were fulfilled as spoken by Jesus, and they all were filled with the Holy Ghost. This was not a water baptism but an infilling of the Spirit.

The two baptisms are in contrast to each other, and are not received at the same time, as coincided at the baptism of Jesus. The Scripture teaches that the Holy Ghost was received by some before being baptized in water, and some after, but not as a coincidence, i. e., at the same time. This did not exactly happen when Jesus was baptized. He was coming out of the water at the time the Holy Ghost descended upon him. "And Jesus when he was baptized, went up straightway OUT OF THE WATER: and lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him," Matt. 3:16.

The twelve men of Acts 19 were baptized in water under the ministry of Apollos unto John's baptism. However, they knew nothing of the baptism of the Holy Ghost. "We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost," verse 2. Paul referred them to John's message that "the people should believe on him (Jesus) which should come after him," verse 4. "And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the HOLY GHOST came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied," verse 6. Jesus was the only one who came near to receiving the Holy Ghost while being baptized in water. John the Baptist himself received the Holy Ghost; however, before he was born, not when he was baptized, "For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be FILLED WITH THE HOLY GHOST, even from his mother's womb," Luke 1:15. Elisabeth the mother of John the Baptist received the Holy Ghost in her home and not when baptized, "And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was FILLED WITH THE HOLY GHOST," Luke 1:41. She was in her own home, verse 40. The father of John received the Holy Ghost but not while being baptized in water. When John was eight days old "and his father Zacharias was FILLED WITH THE HOLY GHOST, and

prophesied," Luke 1:67.

The word and unction of receiving the Holy Ghost is "FILLED WITH THE HOLY GHOST." Jesus was FULL of the Holy Ghost. Luke 4:1. "And they were all FILLED WITH THE HOLY GHOST," Acts 2:4. "But he, being FULL OF THE HOLY GHOST," Acts 7:55. "That thou mightest receive thy sight and be FILLED WITH THE HOLY GHOST," Acts 9:17. "For he was a good man, and FULL OF THE HOLY GHOST," Acts 17:24. "Then Peter, FILLED WITH THE HOLY GHOST," Acts 4:8. "And they were all FILLED WITH THE HOLY GHOST, and they spake the word of God with boldness," Acts 4:31. "Then Saul, (who also is called Paul,) FILLED WITH THE HOLY GHOST," Acts 13:9. The mother of Jesus was in the upper room and filled with the Holy Ghost, Acts 1:4; 2:4. The people of Samaria were baptized in water, yet they had not been filled with the Holy Ghost, Acts 8:16, "For as yet he was fallen upon NONE OF THEM, only they were BAPTIZED in the name of the Lord Jesus." However, later they were filled with the HOLY GHOST, but not when baptized, "Then laid they their hands on them, and they RECEIVED THE HOLY GHOST," verse 17. Cornelius and his household received the Holy Ghost before being baptized in water. "While Peter yet spake these words, the HOLY GHOST FELL ON ALL OF THEM which heard the word," Acts 10:44. After the Holy Ghost filled their hearts, they were commanded to be baptized in water. "Can any man forbid WATER, that these should not BE BAPTIZED, which HAVE RECEIVED THE HOLY GHOST, as well as we, and he COMMANDED THEM TO BE BAPTIZED in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days (doubtlessly to baptize them)," Acts 10:47, 48.

Paul acknowledged that he was not sent to baptize in water but to preach the gospel. "For Christ sent me NOT TO BAPTIZE, but to PREACH THE GOSPEL," 1 Cor. 1:17. Paul was thankful that he had not baptized too many; "I thank God that I baptized none of you, but Crispus and Galus; and I baptized the household of Stephanas: besides, I know not whether I baptized any other," 1 Cor. 1:14, 16. This is proof that he did not baptize in water the twelve men at Ephesus. Paul asked, "Unto what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Unto John's baptism." John's bap-

tism was in water. Paul referred them to John in Matt. 3:11, where he directed the people to receive the baptism of Christ which was with the Holy Ghost and fire. That is what they received in verses 5 and 6. Jesus never baptized anyone; the disciples did baptize. "Though Jesus himself baptized not, but his disciples," John 4:2. John the Baptist was filled with the Holy Ghost, and if he ever was baptized in water we have no record. He did tell Christ that "I have need to be baptized of thee," Matt. 3:14. However, the Holy Ghost baptism was not his.

#### OFFICIAL, OBLIGATORY CAPACITY

As He is to take of Christ and administer the will of God to mankind. Upon the office of His administration rests the responsibility of saving the world, sanctifying the heart of the converted. The kingdom of God is in the hands of the Holy Ghost. Rom. 14:17. The Church is guided and given power for service by the Holy Ghost. When the love of God enters the heart, the Holy Ghost places it there, "And hope maketh not ashamed; because the LOVE OF GOD is shed abroad in our hearts BY THE HOLY GHOST which is given unto us," Rom. 5:5. When the blood of Christ is applied to our hearts for our sanctification, the Holy Ghost officiates; "Being sanctified by the HOLY GHOST," Rom. 15:16. The Holy Ghost has no blood of His own, but we are sanctified by the blood of Christ, Heb. 13:12; however, it must be applied by the Holy Ghost. When ministers are called for the work of the Lord, it is the Holy Ghost who calls. "As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, THE HOLY GHOST SAID, Separate ME Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I HAVE CALLED THEM," Acts 13:2. They were called and sent forth by the Holy Ghost. "So they, being sent forth by the HOLY GHOST," verse 4. Our pastors are chosen by the Holy Ghost to have the oversight of the flock of God. "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the HOLY GHOST hath made you overseers (pastors), to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood."

The Holy Ghost is our only channel in receiving from Christ and of God. We should soon forget Christ and His words except that the Holy Ghost keeps them renewed and aflame. "He

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# Reports from the Field . . .

## CHURCH HAS BEEN BLESSED

**SPRING CITY, Tenn.**—We are happy to report victory in the church here. Rev. L. O. Siferd is our pastor and we appreciate the work he and Sister Siferd are doing for us. Their labors have been a blessing to the church in general. We have completely remodeled our church and are happy for the fine place we have to worship in; also, we feel that our Lord is pleased with all the efforts that have been put forth by all the good friends, neighbors, and businessmen in Spring City. We feel that we have added approximately fifteen hundred dollars to our property.

We recently closed a five weeks' revival, with Brother George Alford as the evangelist. We enjoyed the wonderful messages preached by Brother Alford under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. We feel that the church has been blessed, as many souls were saved, some sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost, and three added to the church. The revival is still in progress among the members of the church. We thank God for His rich blessings and for the increase He has given us in our Sunday School, which is double in attendance; also for the Y. P. E. and L. W. W. B. The Lord also helped us to purchase a bus for the church.—Evelyn Parsons.

## CHURCH IS GROWING

**DONALSONVILLE, Ga.**—I just wanted to write to let everyone know what we are doing. God is blessing us so much. Brother Lee Watson is our pastor. He came here in September and started a church about the first of November. We have it all finished but painting the floors. We are in a revival now. The Holy Ghost takes charge and the evangelist hardly gets a chance to preach. We love our pastor and his wife and family. They are wonderful people of God. We thank God for the way our church is growing.—A Sister, South Mt. Zion.

## GOD UNDERTOOK IN SINFUL COMMUNITY

**HOLCOMB, Miss.**—I hardly know how to tell how wonderfully God undertook in this sinful country. It

looked as if everyone was lost when Sister Lelia Melton moved to our neighborhood the fall of 1947. She began to ask about having prayer meeting once a week, from house to house. Everyone agreed so we began having prayer service each Saturday night. We were interested and began having testimonies and praising the Lord. God sent Rev. Timmie Whittington and his wife to start preaching for us on holiness in the old time way, which no one in this country knew much about. He conducted a two weeks revival at a neighbor's house, under a tree. Several were saved and sanctified. After the revival there, he began a revival at his church and about eight received the Holy Ghost (from our community). Then Brother Whittington asked if everyone wanted a church built. We all agreed and got busy on the little country church. In a short time it was ready for service. We had a two weeks' revival and had the district overseer to come set the church in order. There are nine members and a number of seekers in the altar each night we have service. Everyone was so thrilled when our overseer told us that Rev. Timmie Whittington would be our pastor for the next two years. We have organized a Sunday School and our attendance is from twenty-five to forty each Sunday. We need your prayers for us and our church.—Jeffie Lee Counts.

## WILLIAMSTOWN PROGRESSING NICELY

**WILLIAMSTOWN W. Va.**—I want to sound a note of praise for our little church in Williamstown, W. Va. It is progressing nicely. Every department of the church is growing. Our Sunday School has increased and the record attendance is eighty-three. Our Y.P.E. is getting along fine and our L. W. W. B. is doing a good work. We just closed a good revival, with Brother Francis Richards as the evangelist. He did some fine preaching. There were quite a few experiences with the Lord. Our little church is going over the top for Jesus. Brother and Sister E. R. Heaton are out and out for God and the Church. They are doing a great work here. Pray for us that we may

keep the good work going.—Nettie Lowther, Clerk.

## 1948 WAS A SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR ROLAND VERRICO AND THE WEST DURHAM, NORTH CARO. LINA CHURCH



Roland Verrico

### ADDENDA

*"In the cross lies God's remedy for the woes of the world."*

*"If we should watch ourselves as closely as we do others, we would know ourselves better, and be a greater blessing to others."*

### ANNUAL REPORT OF MONEY RECEIVED

Sunday School offerings	\$2,186.81
Orphanage March,	
Anniversaries	218.85
Church Offerings	
for Building Exp.	4,647.88
Tithes Received	5,620.18
North Carolina Echoes	6.00
Given for Evangelists	725.25
Offerings for	
Assistant Pastor	91.26
L. W. W. B. Receipts	1,415.86
Y. P. E. Offerings	365.00
	<b>\$15,343.00</b>

### OUTLOOK FOR 1949

We look forward with confidence and courage to a greater year ahead in all departments of the service. Cooperation between both pastor and members will assure victory.

Let us be 100 per cent loyal during 1949 to our local and general program.

The person who has not enough love so as to share it with all men, even enemies, will not be able to convince the world that he has any at all.

# REVIVALS

JEFFERSON, S. C.—I want to  
and a note of praise for the wonder-  
revival just closed here, with  
Brother B. O. Cantrell, of Woodruff, S.  
doing the preaching. Five were  
red, two sanctified, one baptized  
with the Holy Ghost, and four added  
to the church.—O. S. Lane, Pastor.

VALDOSTA, Ga.—Last night saw  
the closing of a young people's revival  
which proved to be the greatest re-  
vival, no doubt, in the forty-year  
history of the Valdosta church. Forty-  
one were saved and twenty-five sanc-  
tified. Ten received their baptism and  
thirty-one new members were added  
to the church. Twenty-five of these  
were adults and nearly all employed.  
Brother Horton, boy evangelist of Griffin,  
Ga., preached to the largest audiences  
in the church for years. Back-  
sliders for as many as ten years were  
reclaimed, and one man, a visitor to  
this local church for thirty years,  
was saved the last week. He and his  
wife joined the church Sunday night.  
Since the Assembly our church  
membership has nearly doubled.—  
Mr. O. Peck, Pastor.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.—Just a word  
of praise from the Church of God in  
Fayetteville, N. C. Truly we thank God  
for the fine church here and most  
all for our good pastor and his wife,  
Brother and Sister Floyd A. Boger.  
They are on fire for God and doing  
the work they can toward the upbuilding  
of His kingdom. We recently closed  
revival, with Brother and Sister C.  
Allred as the evangelists. There  
were ten saved, eight sanctified, two  
added with the Holy Ghost and four  
added to the church. Brother Allred  
an old time preacher who preaches  
the Word without fear. He will do  
the church good. Pray for the church  
in Fayetteville that it will be a soul-  
saving station.—Sue Thomas, Report-

four added to the church. Sister Mae  
Terry was the evangelist, and she is  
one of the best. She has a burden for  
lost souls and we highly recommend  
her for revivals.—Hubert S. Norris,  
Pastor.

TARBORO, N. C.—A glorious revival  
has just closed here. Sister Mavis  
Bridgers and Sister Mitchell Cockrell  
were the evangelists. They are both  
great workers for God. The building  
was filled to its capacity almost every  
night. Many nights the power would  
fall, the Holy Ghost would take  
charge of the service, and the evan-  
gelist wouldn't get a chance to preach.  
The altar would fill during the song  
service and souls prayed through to  
God. There were nineteen saved, ten

sanctified, five baptized with the  
Holy Ghost, and three added to the  
church. We appreciate our pastor and  
his good wife. They are great workers  
for God. We truly thank God for the  
way He has blessed us in the past  
year, 1948. Pray that the Church of  
God will rise and shine and be a soul-  
saving station for lost souls.—Gladys  
Harris, Clerk.

WAPANUCKA, Okla.—We have just  
closed a revival with Rev. Johnnie  
Moore as the evangelist. There were  
eleven saved, five sanctified, five filled  
with the Holy Ghost, and five added  
to the church. God wonderfully  
blessed in this two weeks' meeting.  
We praise God for the souls that  
learned about Jesus. We should like  
for all to pray for our little church  
here, for we realize that it is through  
the mighty hand of God that the  
good work is done. We also thank God  
for our pastor.—Mrs. J. T. Numan,  
Clerk.

## FROM THE "GOLDEN STATE NEWS"

### It Couldn't Be Done

Somebody said it couldn't be done,  
But he, with a chuckle, replied,  
That maybe it couldn't, but he would  
be one

Who wouldn't say so till he'd tried.  
So he buckled right in with a trace of  
a grin,

If he worried he hid it,  
He started to sing as he tackled the  
thing that couldn't be done,  
And he did it.

Many of us are apt to take someone  
else's word for the fact that it can't  
be done and give up without trying—  
it's easier that way. "Why use up a lot  
of energy which might well be used to  
do some of the more enjoyable things,  
and waste it on a job that someone  
else had already tried and proved that  
"it couldn't be done?"

It's a mighty fine thing that every-  
one doesn't take somebody's word for  
it. If that were so, we would still be  
where we started years ago. Every-  
thing we have—churches, Sunday  
Schools, Young People's Endeavors,  
etc., are the result of the belief of  
some "that it could be done."

Our own youth movement, up until  
about twenty years ago, was known  
as the Young Harvesters' Club, but  
a few men who had the vision believed  
it would become a national movement.  
Then in the General Assembly of 1928,  
a committee was appointed, a consti-

tution was drafted, and the Church  
of God Young People's Endeavor  
came into being. This next year the  
Y. P. E. will be twenty-one years old.  
It will have become of age, and truly  
it has lived up to all the hopes and  
aspirations that its founders dreamed  
of in that it has become a nation-wide  
Christian youth movement. Somebody  
said "it couldn't be done" but I'm sure  
you'll join me in thanking those men  
who believed "it could be done"—"and  
they did it."—J. H. Hughes, Overseer  
of California.

### Announcement of California District Conventions

Indio District at Indio, February 25,  
26  
San Diego District at San Diego,  
March 4, 5  
Baldwin Park District at Santa Ana,  
March 11, 12  
Los Angeles District at Long Beach,  
March 18, 19  
South Gage District at South Gage  
Avenue, March 25, 26  
Bakersfield District at Tulare, April  
1, 2  
Fresno District at Clovis, April 8, 9  
Sacramento District at Stockton,  
April 15, 16  
Salinas District at Salinas, April 22, 23  
Northern District at San Pablo, April  
29, 30



# Foreign Missions

All the World—  
Every Creature

Executive Missions Secretary  
J. H. WALKER

## THE WORKERS IN GUATEMALA

November 10, 1948

Brother Wayne should be on the border line about now, near El Salvador, for a conference. The first few weeks he was here he was anxious to get started. He comes in now burned by the sun, and in need of a rest; but still he has gained about ten pounds, however one can lose that on one trip. The Board asked me before I left if I thought Brother Wayne would stand the climate. Well, he has the same chance as the rest of us and the protection of the Lord. He has already had an attack of amoebas, but it apparently is over. Luther's nerves have been bothering him of late. He shakes from head to toe. Perhaps there is some malaria connected with it, but he doesn't lose time for that. He was up here for the workers' session and keeps driving. Dorothy keeps on the wire edge and pushes with all she has. Keep praying for us.

December 6, 1948

Mrs. Pullin and I made a trip to the mountains up this direction and were out for a week. The last place we stopped was in a new hut the believers had made for us, 10 by 12 feet, with a carpet of pine needles which we used also for a bed, rather as springs under the sleeping bags. In all, we visited five places and had about six services. The believers were encouraged. In the last place two souls were saved, and the Lord healed a child of a bad ear. After she was prayed for, the ear burst and ran, and she stopped crying immediately. Thank the Lord!

We returned last evening from Quezaltenango, where Sister Furman and her adopted child reside. She told us of the misfortune she has had this month. Someone cleverly relieved her of her whole month's allowance, and she and Carol had eaten potatoes

for every meal. Carol prayed, "Lord, bless these potatoes, but I don't like them." She was tired of them, I suppose.

Wayne was up with our allotment last week and went back the next morning to go with Luther and Dorothy to Puerto Barrios. He had just returned from a conference on the other side of the Republic and looked like he had lost a few pounds in body, but he was happy in the Lord and in His service, and so are we all, serving Him with the hope of seeing Him soon. Amen.—Thomas Pullin.

## THE MISSIONARY'S PLEA

*Will you not pray for us? Alone we stand*

*To stem the awful tide of sin and shame,*

*To cast out demons in the mighty name*

*Which is alone the hope of every land.*

*Pray, pray for us! We are but vessels frail;*

*The world's appalling need would crush us down,*

*Save that in vision we behold the crown*

*Upon the brow Who shall at length prevail!*

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## Envisioning God's Harvest

By Mrs. Frances E. Baker  
Live Oak, Florida

Text: John 4:35, "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."

In these days when it seems the signs of our Lord's coming are approaching nearer every day, the need of a new vision of the great white

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A lady missionary portrays the very real trials that a night in the rainy season can present.

*When the thunder splits the skies  
And the lightning blinds your eyes  
And the wind is nearly breaking  
down the door—*

*When the thatch is nearly new,  
And the rain comes pouring through  
And is lying in deep puddles  
the floor—*

*When to eerie hoot of owl,  
And hyena's mournful howl,  
There is added all the noises  
the night—*

*All the mutterings and tappings,  
And the queer insistent rappings,  
Of the insect host that ever  
hated light—*

*When you try to light the lamp  
And the matches are all damp*

*And your torch has lacked  
battery for weeks—*

*When a movement of your head,  
Or a sudden turn in bed,*

*Seems to bring a burst of almost  
deafening creaks—*

*When your heart begins to thump,  
And your throat seems one big lump*

*And you're waiting for you know  
not what to fall—*

*When your thoughts begin to free  
And you dither at the knees,*

*It's just then you thank the Lord  
you've had a "CALL!"*

*Just to know He sent you there  
Seems to start to clear the air;*

*You relax, and let the knowledge  
through you creep.*

*When you know you're in His will,  
Though the din continues still,*

*You can just lie down again, and  
go to sleep!*

G. Clemens

harvest field is needed among us. God's reapers, chosen to gather the harvest into His fold. It seems to me I can all but hear Jesus say, in tones so loving, the same words to me as He did to those disciples who were with Him in person during the days He was on earth: "Lift up your eyes, and look on the harvest field; for they are white already to harvest."

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# New Church at Fort Mill, S. C., Dedicated

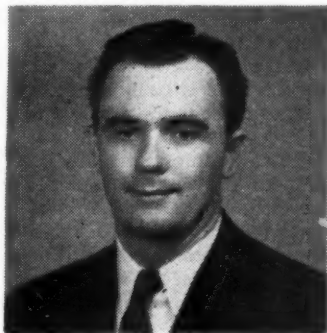
Twenty years ago, in Fort Mill, S. C., the Church of God was set in order after a revival conducted by Rev. M. G. Winton. Since that day we have had struggles, fought our battles, suffered temporary reverses, but always prevailed into glorious victory.

The church first acquired a small building for worship. Rev. G. W. Cooper, who was also pastor of Rock Hill at this time, was the first appointed pastor. Then the following men served as pastor: Reverends W. C. J. R. White, B. T. Sprouse, R. C. Edges, W. M. Morrow, and J. C. Childers. The Lord seemed to place His hand of blessing upon this small work and it immediately began to prosper. Sometime later a frame building was erected about 150 yards inside the mill village. This building became inadequate, so a Catholic mission was secured and added to it, and both were brick-veneered.

In the spring of 1946, Rev. J. C. Childers passed on to his reward, and C. R. Spain was appointed pastor of the church. There was an indebtedness of about \$1,300 on the parsonage. While the pastor and family lived in a trailer on the parsonage lot, this money was raised; also, the house was completely remodeled at an additional cost of \$4,200, which was soon raised, and the church continued.

In November, 1947, the church treasury was emptied to liquidate the parsonage indebtedness. A money-raising campaign was begun for the new building. A nice lot in a splendid location uptown had been secured. In April, 1948, only four months after the building fund had been entirely depleted, our church of loyal members, with only \$4,000, faith in God, and hearts saturated with zeal, grit, and determination, began work on the new \$10,000 building.

The pastor had little knowledge of building and was advised to employ a contractor. Building materials were plentiful and our people realized that in order to secure what was needed all members must be cut. The pastor did not buy while many of the members and sympathizers donated their time and labor. (Some of the members



Pastor C. R. Spain

worked as much as 275 free hours.) Thus, by this help, together with some hired labor and wonderful cooperation, this lovely structure, forty by eighty feet, with a small "T" on the back was erected. The building is constructed of solid brick and steel, with an asbestos roof. Some of the outstanding features are: indirect lighting, stained Gothic windows, hardwood floors, acoustic tile ceiling, gas heating, and air conditioning. The building is modern in every respect.

Some may wonder about the finance. The church realized the great task which lay before it and began to work and give. Three sacrifice months were scheduled, and on the closing Sunday of the month each member gave his entire week's check. The offerings on these Sundays averaged better than \$1,800. In three months \$9,000 was raised. Many of our Sunday night offerings were over \$100 from the floor. Merchants and businessmen of the town gave liberally. God, as He had promised, gave the church great favor, until only \$15,500 is owed on this lovely building.

By working from 7 A. M. until 11 and 12 P. M., also with the help of the L. W. W. B., this building was finished in just a little over five months of actual construction time. Then on November 14—THAT DAY—the great day dawned. People began to gather. After several days of hard rain, God's sun rays seemed to kiss the building and stream through the windows with lovely color.

The pianist touched the keyboard of the new \$2,100 piano purchased by the Willing Workers; the musicians began to play; the choir stood to sing the first hymn in God's new house—a day never equaled before in Fort Mill! Four hundred and twenty-five for the first Sunday School! Brother Brady Dennis, state youth director, spoke forcibly at this hour. In the morning worship, Brother George Lemons, of Hickory, N. C., spoke on the subject "Enlargeness in Prayer." Men and women, boys and girls laughed and cried as this great and powerful sermon went forth, for God Himself in great glory had come to His new house.

The dedicatory message was delivered in the afternoon service. Rev. Earl Paulk was at his very best. Pentecostal power fell and waves of majestic glory filled the church until the building seemed to vibrate with His praise. Many special singers were present—the Carter Trio, the Gospel Girls of Kannapolis, N. C., the Blacksburg Quartet, the Master's Trio, of High Point, N. C., and others who contributed greatly to the success of this day.

At seven o'clock the evangelistic service began. Rev. Houston R. Morehead, state overseer, preached with power and unction to backsliders. This timely message was effective, for several were saved and others reclaimed.

On Monday night, Rev. Wade H. Horton, Charlotte, N. C., began a revival. Though the people had worked many long, hard hours on the church, God seemed to refresh and anoint all for this great meeting. Every night several were definitely blessed. About twenty years ago, while in sin, Brother Horton lived in Fort Mill. It was here he had lived recklessly for the devil. The thought of this filled him with a great evangelistic zeal. Many of his old buddies and friends attended the services to hear his messages. Men, whose wives had been in the Church of God for years while they were unmoved, came to God, crying and repenting. Some were saved in the mill while working on their jobs. Such a revival the church had not seen in all its history! Eighty-two were saved, fifty sanctified, thirty baptized with the Holy Ghost, and forty-one added to the church. Men straightened their back lives, some paid old bills, others returned or paid for things stolen in the past. This was an old-time Bible revival.—C. R. Spain, Pastor.

# How to Do More for God

By MRS. HAAKON ELIASON  
YOUTH DIRECTOR OF WESTERN  
CANADA

For most of us the past year has been quite different from what we ever thought or planned, but praise the Lord, when Jesus leads there can be no mistake, and whatever we go through for Him, whether they be joys or sorrows, it has all been for some purpose.

I am sure we are glad that our Christian experience does not stop at Bethlehem or the birth of Jesus, but we have gone on to Calvary—we have met the Christ of the cross. Yes, we have met Jesus as our Saviour—we have passed from death unto life. We have become new creatures in him, old things have passed away, all things have become new. We cannot help but praise God for Bethlehem, for Calvary and the resurrected Christ. How we should want to consecrate ourselves afresh unto Him to do more for Him than ever before! If we want to do more for Him, we must:

## 1. Deny ourselves more than others.

It is not easy to lay self aside. In fact, that is one of the hardest things to do. Selfishness makes us useless in the kingdom of God. We need to lay self aside and be in the will of God; as the song writer has put it, "Less of self and more of Thee, dear Lord." The greatest men are the humble, obedient ones, those who are willing to be taught—to let self be crucified and give themselves over to God so that Christ can be the center of their lives. 1 Peter 5: 5, 6. He giveth grace to the humble. God also humbles those who do not humble themselves. So to do more for God this year, let us give ourselves over to God in humbleness, and, naturally, we shall want to do more for God and also others. We shall, above all, want to tell them of Jesus who came into the world to seek and to save the lost.

## 2. Pray more than others.

Prayer is the greatest privilege given to man. We would indeed count it an honor to speak to our earthly king. How much greater an honor to commune with the heavenly King—the King of kings! When we meet Jesus and His joy floods our souls, we should want to pray. We should always have a prayer of praise unto Him. It is not our fine words that the Lord listens to; it is our hearts. If we ask in faith believing, God will an-

swer. We should constantly be in communion with Him. We can pray any time, anywhere—even when scouring the kettles here at Bible School we can pray, "Lord, scour me inside and outside."

We have examples in the Bible of those who prayed. 1. Hannah knelt before God. God heard her prayer; it was granted. 2. Hezekiah, sick unto death, cried unto the Lord. The Lord heard him. 3. Jesus—why should He pray? He had so much power. Yet, He spent nights in prayer. So let us remember to keep on praying. Pray as though it is Christ. Pray with hearts that are clean.

Someone has said we might as well try to empty the St. Lawrence River with a two-gallon pail as to exhaust the measure of God that is given to a church that prays. Prayer changes things. We can't argue with God. We can pound the pulpit all we like but unless backed by prayer there will be no results for God and eternity. Yes, the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. So let us deny ourselves more and pray more this coming year.

## 3. Resolve more than others.

I do not mean New Year's resolutions to be broken the next day. If we are to expect things from God, we must be determined. Many of us, however, resolve we won't be touched—instead let us resolve we will let God take charge even if it might hurt a little. Resolve to form good habits and be so filled with good habits that there will be no room for bad ones. Maybe we need to resolve first of all to read the Bible and pray more. Yes, resolve to love the Word of God that we might know it better and so be better soul winners for Jesus.

Col. 3:23, "And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily as to the Lord and not unto men." We aren't serving the church but the Lord Jesus Christ, and we aren't asking for praise of man. Therefore, let us do all cheerfully as unto the Lord. It sanctifies a servant's work when it is done as unto God. As we do all as unto the Lord, some day He will say to us, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

## 4. Love more than others.

It is impossible to tell people to be good without showing them the way. Paul says love is greater than faith and hope. We should love with all our hearts. Love is the grandest thing in the world. Our love for others and God should be such that we will do anything, no matter what the cost. John 3:16.

## 5. Believe more than others.

So many of us lose faith here. We may be willing to do all the other but to believe that is impossible. Love and belief should go hand in hand. The more we believe and learn about them, the more we should love them. We need to love Christ more that we may believe God for all we ask.

Mark. 9:23, "Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth." We can believe for salvation, healing, yes, all things.

John 14:12, "Verily, verily I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than I do shall he do."

Abraham, that great father of all believers, believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.

Last but not least, believe that in 1949 we will see many souls come to know Jesus as their Saviour and others filled with the precious Holy Spirit.

## TESTIMONIES

### Healed—Praise His Name

BRADLY, Miss.—I am praising God for healing my body. I had been suffering for four weeks. Brother Paul anointed me and God healed my body. Praise His name!—Ollie Gogaway.

### God Heals

CARRIER MILLS, Ill.—I promised the Lord if he would heal me I would testify of it through the Evangelist. He has healed me and I praise Him for it.—Mrs. Maude Hartford.

### Instantly Healed

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—I had been suffering with my feet ever since 1944. I went to the hospital but found no relief. Anointed cloths were sent to me, and I was instantly healed. Praise God!—Mother Simpson.



## THE PERSONALITY OF THE HOLY GHOST

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shall TEACH you ALL THINGS, and bring ALL THINGS to your remembrance, WHATSOEVER I HAVE SAID UNTO YOU," John 14:26. In fact, one can not believe in Christ, that He is the Lord, unless the Holy Ghost reveals Him. "Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that NO MAN CAN SAY THAT JESUS IS THE LORD, BUT BY THE HOLY GHOST," 1 Cor. 12:3. It is the Holy Ghost that calls men to God. "Wherefore as the Holy Ghost saith, Today if you will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness," Heb. 3:7, 8. The Word of God was given by the inspiration of the Holy Ghost. "For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved BY THE HOLY GHOST," 2 Peter 1:21.

It is the Holy Ghost who imparts gifts unto the Church. "For to one given BY THE SPIRIT, the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge BY THE SAME SPIRIT; to another faith BY THE SAME SPIRIT; to another the gift of healing BY THE SAME SPIRIT; to another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another the discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another interpretation of tongues: BUT ALL THESE worketh that ONE and the selfsame SPIRIT, dividing to every man severally as HE (HOLY GHOST) will," 1 Cor. 12:8-11. The Holy Ghost directs where to preach and where not to preach.

And were FORBIDDEN OF THE HOLY GHOST to preach the word in Asia," Acts 16:6. "They assayed to go into Bithynia: but THE SPIRIT suffered them not," verse 7. The Holy Ghost directed a missionary to preach to a heathen. "The SPIRIT said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to the chariot," Acts 8:28. Paul preached by the leadings of the Holy Ghost, "which things also we SPEAK, not in the words which MAN'S WISDOM TEACHETH, BUT WHICH THE HOLY GHOST TEACHETH," 1 Cor. 12:3. Our decisions and doctrine must be approved by the Holy Ghost to be effective. "For it seemed good to the HOLY GHOST, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things," Acts 15:28. The Holy Ghost is able to SPEAK and

## HE SPEAKS FOR HIMSELF.

Jesus said, "He shall TESTIFY of me," John 15:26, or speak of me. That is true, "For HE shall not SPEAK OF HIMSELF; but whatsoever HE heareth that shall HE SPEAK," John 16:13. The Holy Ghost was able to speak before Pentecost. "The Holy Ghost by the mouth of David SPAKE BEFORE concerning Judas," Acts 1:16. "THE HOLY GHOST SAITH TODAY," Heb. 3:7. "THE HOLY GHOST SAID, Separate ME Paul and Barnabas," Acts 13:2. "While Peter thought on the vision, THE SPIRIT SAID UNTO HIM, Behold, three men seek thee. Arise therefore, and get thee down, and go with them, doubting nothing: for I HAVE SENT THEM," Acts 10:19, 20. "For it is NOT YE THAT SPEAK, BUT THE HOLY GHOST," Mark 13:11. "THUS SAITH THE HOLY GHOST," Acts 21:11. Many more scriptures teach that the HOLY GHOST CAN TALK. The better way to be convinced is to "RECEIVE YE THE HOLY GHOST."

CONCLUSION: "And now, behold, I go bound in the SPIRIT unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there: save that THE HOLY GHOST WITNESSETH in every city, SAYING that bonds and afflictions abide me," Acts 20:22, 23. It is a concluded fact that the Holy Ghost is the third person of the Godhead bodily and is an able leader, and that He officiates on earth for Christ. He is the church adviser, the power giver, the blood applicator. He is with man in his regeneration; in fact, He calls and convicts man. He is then in man as a filler. John 14:17. May the Holy Ghost lead us onward to the goal.

## ENVISIONING GOD'S HARVEST

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Yes, the words of Jesus to His disciples are His words to us whom He has called together in the sheaves of His great harvest today.

Just what are we doing about the great harvest that is to be gathered? Are we, as God's children, redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus, doing all we can to get the gospel message to all, that those who will come into the fold may be gathered in before the night shadows fall? Brother and sister, to me this is an urgent command, or plea, that we, as laborers in God's vineyard, be more concerned about the lost sheep outside the sheepfold. Too, it is a sad picture to me how little concerned we really are about

the lost souls living right around our doors. Do we care that people, for whom Christ died, shed His life's blood, perish out in the cold winter winds of destruction and wrath? Dear ones, it is a very sad picture to me. Is it to you? The storm clouds are gathering thick and fast, and so many are unaware of the fact that the need of awakening and getting on the job for Jesus is very urgent and necessary at this time.

Now do I hear someone say, "I am handicapped in such a way I don't feel as if I can do anything worthwhile toward helping souls to Jesus?" or "My husband or wife or someone else hinders me until I am unsuccessful in the Lord's work?" or may they say, "Because I can't sing, preach, pray, or testify like Brother or Sister So-and-So I don't feel like trying to work?" To this class I would like to say, our Lord has never saved, sanctified, or given anyone the precious Holy Ghost to sit down and be contented because they are going to heaven. He saved us for His own glory and service. He wants our best, and He is expecting us to render our very best service. He wants everyone who has been redeemed by Jesus' precious blood to do as Phillip did in John 1:44-46. He wants us to bring others to Him that they too may know the same Christ with whom we are acquainted. The way in which God chooses to use us may not be very easy or attractive to the eyes of men, and we may not have the success some have, but if we faithfully do our little bit for Jesus, and do what we can to help souls to the fold of God, when the great harvest is reaped and all of God's reapers are gathered home to rest, our joy will be just as great and complete as the other laborers of God who have had many sheaves to lay at the feet of Jesus. We, as little laborers in God's harvest field, shall receive our reward just the same, O hallelujah!

I trust and pray that God will help us all to receive a new and greater vision of the white harvest, and that we shall, as laborers together with God, do more to help souls find Jesus as their Shelter and Protector from the storm of destruction. Pray for us that we will do what our hands find to do for Jesus in winning lost souls.

The gates of praise are only entered by those with thankful hearts.

God's will must be done in us before it can be done by us.

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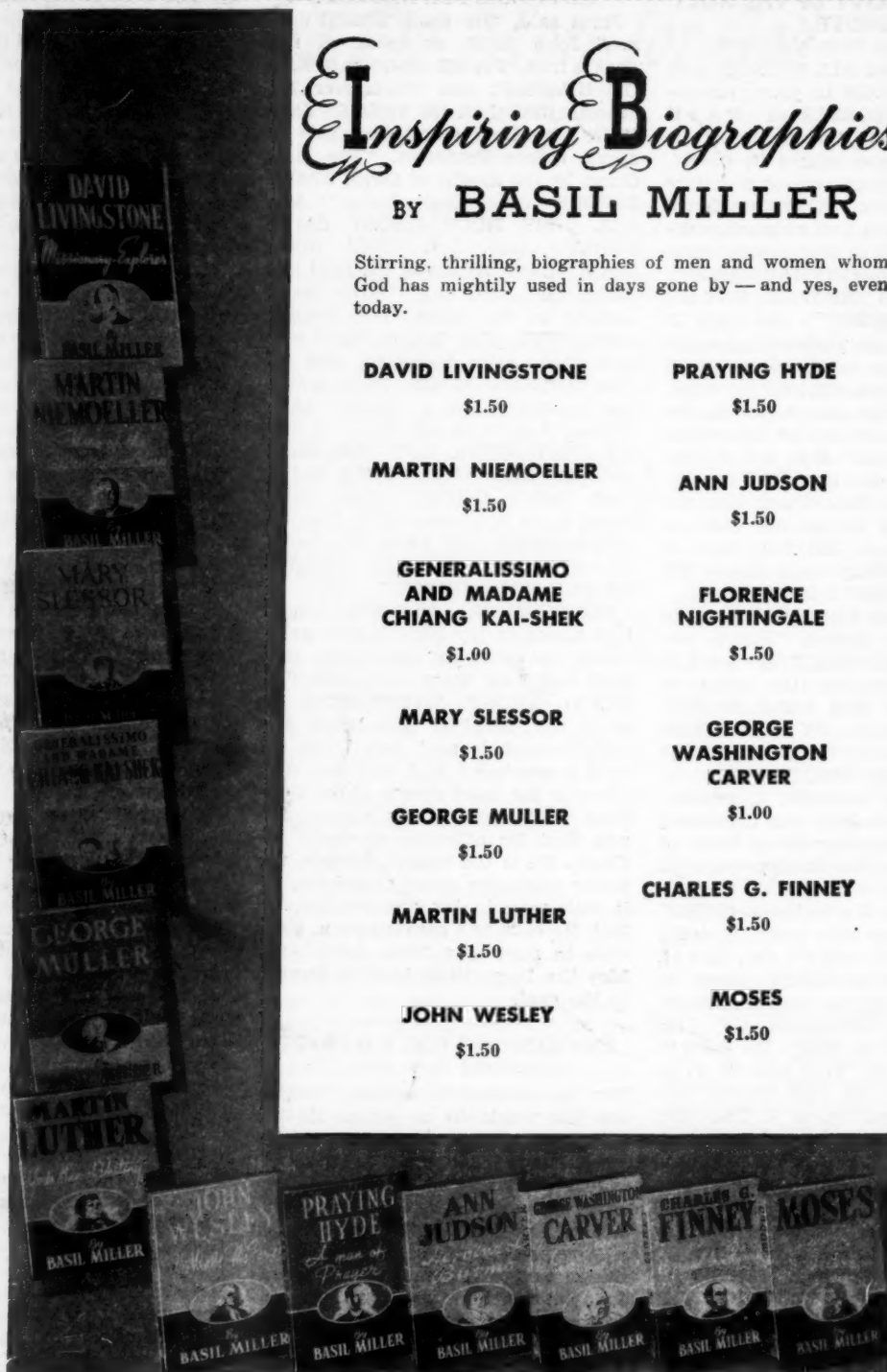
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